

Appendix

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), Applicant presents the amended claims in marked-up form. Underlining shows additions, and square brackets with strike-through font show deletions [~~like this~~].

If a discrepancy exists between the claims set forth above and the claims set forth below, then the claims set forth above control.

1. (Thrice amended) A method for the preparation of cells for use in the production of at least one biological, said method being discontinuous and comprising:

- a) culturing cells to form a preproduction batch,
- b) dividing the cells of the preproduction batch into [~~at least two separate batches~~] a first part and a second part,
- c) employing [~~at least one of the separate batches~~] said first part for the preparation of at least one production batch for the production of at least one biological,
- d) employing [~~at least another of the separate batches~~] said second part as a seed for the preparation of at least one subsequent preproduction batch,
- e) optionally culturing the cells of the subsequent preproduction batch to obtain a greater cell population,
- f) optionally repeating b) to e), using the cells of the subsequent preproduction batch of d) or e) for the preproduction batch of b).

2. (Thrice amended) [A] The method according to ~~[claim]~~ Claim 1 wherein:

- a) ~~[a part of the cells of the preproduction batch]~~ said first part is transferred ~~[to be used]~~ for the preparation of the at least one production batch, and
- b) ~~[the remaining]~~ said second part ~~[of the cells of the preproduction batch]~~ is transferred to be used as a seed for the preparation of the at least one subsequent preproduction batch.

22. (Once amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein:

- a) the proportion of the cells of the preproduction batch ~~[used for the preparation of said at least one production batch]~~ forming said first part ranges from 80% to 90%, and
- b) the ~~[remaining]~~ proportion of the cells of the preproduction batch ~~[used as a seed for the preparation of said at least one subsequent preproduction batch]~~ forming said second part ranges from 10% to 20%.